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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Declassification of the Dulles Testimony
on the U-2

1. Attached is the executive session testimony of 31 May 1960 of Mr. Dulles on the Summit Conference of May 1960 and the Gary Powers U-2 flight. The Senate Foreign Relations Committee has requested our review for declassification, explaining that access had been requested by a graduate student and normally they declassify their executive session testimony after 12 years.

2. The screening of the transcripts through the Freedom of Information mechanism (including DDS&T, DDI, DDO and the Office of Security) resulted in a finding that they can be released unedited and without sanitization. On that score, I feel I should call to your attention the following:

a. On the top of page 372, Senator Williams refers to photographic satellites as replacing the necessity of U-2 planes.

b. On page 384, Senator Gore refers to radar installations near the Russian borders.

3. There are also references to countries providing landing rights as well as Department of State responsibilities. Pat Holt, Chief of Staff of the Committee, assured me the testimony would also be referred to Defense and State and that should satisfy our responsibilities to these Departments.

4. Of greater concern, however, is Senator Fulbright's questioning of President Eisenhower's judgment in taking responsibility for the Powers' flight. For this reason, I think the testimony should be referred to the White House as a lightning rod against any possible political misunderstandings. If you agree, I recommend it be done with either Buchen, Hills or Marsh.

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5. The clips indicate passages of more than routine interest, and of further interest is Senator Fulbright's endorsement of such activities and his stated concern that they have been cancelled.



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